



Betty Jane Allen

March 28, 1928 - March 4, 2019

Betty Jane Conrad Allen, 90, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on March 4, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. The Dr. Earl Wood will officiate. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville, MO. Visitation will be from 9:30 A.M. until time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Betty was born on March 28, 1928 to John Frank and Jane Stephens Conrad in the Dover neighborhood of rural Clarksville. She grew up on the family farm, attending elementary school in Clarksville and graduating from Louisiana High School in 1946.

She attended the University of Missouri where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, serving in several sorority offices, as well as serving as secretary of the university student body her senior year. She graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1950 and went to work as associate editor of the Maytag Company newsletter in Newton, Iowa.

On July 29, 1951, Betty married Walter G. "Boe" Allen in the front yard of the family farm. They moved to St. Louis where she accepted a job with the Pet Milk Company writing and editing their newsletter. When Boe entered the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine in Columbia, Betty once again used her journalism background working for the Stephens College News Bureau.

After returning to Pike County in 1957, she became an integral part of the Williamson and Allen Veterinary Clinic, fielding calls, manning the radio, and keeping the books.

While raising sons John and Stephen, Betty was active in many school related and civic organizations including the Louisiana PTA, Louisiana R-II School Board, Library Board, and Friends of the Library. Later, she earned her real estate broker's license and started Allen Realty combining her love of Louisiana's Historic old homes with her enjoyment of meeting new people. She also continued her civic involvement, becoming a 20+ year member of the Louisiana Rotary Club, as well as serving on numerous other local committees and boards, and volunteering at the Louisiana Primary School.

A lifelong reader, writer, and lover of words, Betty was a special correspondent for the St. Louis Globe Democrat and contributed articles to Missouri Life Magazine dealing with Louisiana and Pike County. She was especially interested in promoting local history, and

in 2012 co-authored a pictorial history of Louisiana. Genealogy and Pike County cemeteries were also important to her, and she enjoyed researching and sharing “tidbits” of the past through conversations, notes, and programs.

Throughout her 90 years, Betty found much joy in helping others. She made and delivered countless baked goods in honor of special days, as thank you gifts, or just because. She wrote countless notes to friends and family – many of which survive today as cherished possessions. She always had two or three books going at a time, several research projects in the works, and often two phone lines ringing at once! Never a dull moment at the Allen House! She usually had a cross-stitch or knitting project underway as well, knitting over 600 Christmas stockings for several generations of family and friends. In later years, she loved sitting on the patio in the early morning or late afternoon sipping coffee and watching “her birds”.

She is survived by her two sons, John H. Allen of Columbia, MO and friend Janet Guthrie, and Stephen W. Allen and wife Carolyn of rural Louisiana, MO, brother, Bob Conrad and wife Annette of Eolia, MO, many nieces, nephews, several “adopted” daughters, numerous close friends, and countless wonderful nurses and caregivers – all of whom she cherished!

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Dr. Walter G. “Boe” Allen, her parents, brothers in-law, Dr. Louis A. Allen, and Dr. James H. Allen, sisters in-law, Martha and Jane Allen, and many special friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of the Library, Pike Pioneer Nutrition Center, Louisiana Rotary Scholarship Fund, Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association, Heartland Hospice, or any other charity of choice in care of Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, MO 63353.

Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235

Clarksville, MO,

Events

MAR **Visitation** 09:30AM - 12:00PM

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MAR **Celebration of Life Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ "Her absence is like the sky, spread over everything."

Sally Dinwiddie - March 11, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ What a sweet precious lady Betty. You will be missed.



Dianne Collins - March 10, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" -John 11:25

magallon family - March 09, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ I grew up next door to the Allen family. I will always cherish those times. I truly believe that I was the daughter she never had. At least that's how she treated me. She was the best.

Cynthia Brown - March 09, 2019 at 02:26 AM



“ After knowing Betty for 50 years we found out we were actually related in a fashion and she affectionately always greeted me with a "Hi cuz" after that. WE will surely miss her. SHE was bigger than life itself and a shining star for us all. You keep it up Betty !!! I'm sure you are. What a great lady.

Mary and Paul Hamilton

mary hamilton - March 08, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ I'm very lucky that I was able to meet Betty and hear all the great stories of Louisiana's history. She treated me like one of the family and I will always appreciate her friendship. Lisa and I offer our prayers and sympathies to her sons and family members.

Chuck & Lisa Lewis

Chuck Lewis - March 08, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Allen.



March 07, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Collier Funeral Homes, Inc. - March 07, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Allen.



March 07, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ Nancy And Harris Guyton lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Nancy and Harris Guyton - March 07, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ What a sweet lady. She will be missed for sure.
My condolences to the family.



Dianne Collins - March 06, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ Becky Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Becky Sanderson - March 06, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Sending prayers for Betty, her family and friends. I will continue to remember her on the 28th of March because we share that birthday. When I lived in Louisiana, Betty always remembered me on that day with a special birthday card in the mail. All my love, Mary Cadigan Granahan

Mary Granahan - March 06, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ I will always love Aunt Betty. She made the best after school brownies! Bite size and rolled in powder sugar! A great cook and a wonderful person that always made me feel special.

Susan Campbell Jones - March 06, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ I spent a short time as realtor under Betty. She was a beautiful lady that raised a sweet family. Pike County lost a great community member! Kay Lee Holcumbrink

Kay Holcumbrink - March 06, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ Betty and I became friends the day we met when she showed me the house of my dreams. She drove me all around the town and countryside for hours, bought me lunch and gave me my first history lesson of Pike County. Always watching out for others, bringing homemade treats for Birthdays/Holidays, cards when you were sick. She told me every night before she went to bed, she would look out her window to make sure the lights were on in my house and that my family was safe. I will always see her walking up my driveway with a big smile. I miss her.
Doug Towne

Doug Towne - March 06, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Allen.



March 06, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Betty was such a wonderful soul. I appreciate all the time that she gave to me in helping me with some of my genealogy projects and her knowledge of real estate after my mom passed and my sister and I needed the farm appraised. She had been around the farm before with my dad, who had his real estate license, and worked under Betty for a few years as well.

Betty will definitely be missed by many.

To the family members, so sorry for your loss. Hang onto those wonderful memories

you have and they will carry you through.

Nancy Reid

Nancy Reid - March 06, 2019 at 10:12 AM



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John and Stephen:

Sorry to learn of Miss Betty's passing. What a great Lady! I will always remember her sweet smile and how her entire face would light up when I would ask about the 2 of you. She was my realtor when I bought my house. She bought a new doorbell for me---how many realtors do that? In recent years, I enjoyed visiting with her at the school reunions to reminisce about days gone by, good times, and dear friendships between the Conrads and the Lucks. May wonderful memories and God's Love bring comfort to you both now and in the days to come.

With Sincere Sympathy,
Janet Luck Miller

Janet Luck Miller - March 06, 2019 at 09:30 AM



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The angels looked down from heaven one night.

They searched for miles afar,
And deep within the distance
They could see a shining star.

They knew that very instant
That the star was theirs to gain,
So they took you up to heaven,
Forever to remain.

Look down on us from heaven.
Keep us free from hurt and pain.
You'll always be within my heart
Until we meet again.



Bert - March 06, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - March 06, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ Betty will be missed by many but not forgotten. I would sit and talk with her countless hours about the history of Louisiana. She had shared many pictures and stories of years past. I will miss her passion to keep history alive, but she is who I'll miss the most.



Jeff Guay - March 05, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Cindy Poyser Osborne - March 05, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ I will miss my dear friend and mentor but will remember her fondly. Rest In Peace B

cindy - March 05, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ What a lovely, beautiful soul this lady was. I would stop and chat with her when I would see her in her yard. I will miss that. RIP dear sweet Betty~

Lonna Benjamin - March 05, 2019 at 11:45 PM



“ Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Linda Harmon - March 05, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ John Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



John Linda Harmon - March 05, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ Candy Burnett lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Candy Burnett - March 05, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ I want to extend my sympathy to Betty's family. She was a remarkable person and a joy to be around. She knew a lot of history of our community and was especially helpful in historical aspects. She likely knew more about property than any other person present in our community for many years I know she was helpful in real estate matters and she helped me in two projects. We were sorry to know that she

had some difficult days in recent months, so now is relieved of that difficulty. We will miss her very much. D. Randall Cone

D. Randall Cone - March 05, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ Diane Todd lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Diane Todd - March 05, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ Carolyn Oliver lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Carolyn Oliver - March 05, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Lisa Watts lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Allen



Lisa Watts - March 05, 2019 at 04:26 PM